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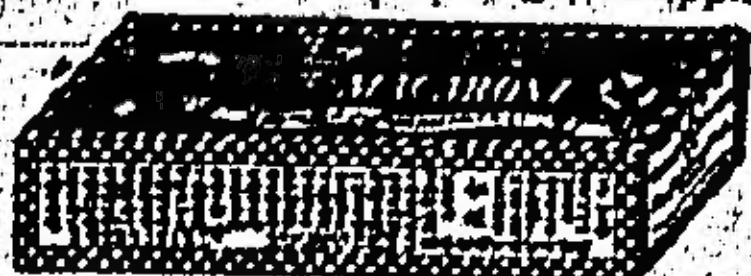
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HOUSING PROBLEM IN BRITISH MALAYA.

EUROPEAN CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING SOCIETY.

A deputation consisting of the Hon. Mr. H. P. O'Leary and Messrs. A. MacLennan, C. D. Slater, G. E. Teale and E. A. S. Wagner was granted an interview by the British Resident of the State of Selangor in the F.M.S. on January 6th, for the purpose of considering the terms upon which the Government would lease land to the proposed Building Society. After a full discussion, says the Malay Mail, the British Resident kindly expressed his willingness to recommend that the Society have the right within ten years to take up blocks within the area to be declared a residential reserve on the following terms:—

Term of lease 30 years; Premium \$1,000 per acre; Annual Quit-Rent \$10 per acre. The Society is to have the right to extensions of the lease for two further terms of 30 years. The first extension is to be granted on payment of a further premium of a sum not exceeding \$3,000 per acre, and the second on terms to be decided when the time comes for the renewal. There shall be no restriction regarding the period for which the Society may give sub-leases. The Government may only resume the land, except for a breach of conditions of lease, under the powers contained in the Land Enactment. The Government will make loans for building to the Society in accordance with the Building Loans Scheme approved in 1918. The rules of the Society shall be submitted to the British Resident for approval. The Society shall be permitted to select blocks in either or both blocks of land north and south of Bukit Bimbang Road, but it must make a decision upon this point within a reasonable time. The Society will endeavour to arrange for the erection of a block of flats as early as is possible.

"J.R.M. SMITH" SCHOLARSHIP.

As a memorial of her late husband, the late Mr. J. R. M. Smith, who was Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation from 1902 to 1910, and President of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society for the year 1909-10, Mrs. J. R. M. Smith has very generously founded a scholarship of the value of \$25 to be awarded annually to the pupil of Scottish parentage attending the Victoria British School or the Kowloon British School, who obtains the best results at the Junior Local Examination of the Hongkong University.

The distribution following such examination and the remainder at the prize distribution a year later provided that the pupil has then passed the Matriculation of the Senior Local Examination of the Hongkong University. Should the winner be unable to enter for the Matriculation, or the Senior Local Examination, in consequence of having left the Colony he (or she) may receive the second instalment of the scholarship, provided his (or her) attendance and progress have been satisfactory.

In case of any change in the nature of the School Examinations the scholarship will be awarded at dates and in a manner as nearly as possible corresponding to the foregoing.

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The foregoing rules governing the scholarship were drawn up by Mr. E. Ralphs, Director of Education, and agreed to by the St. Andrew's Society with the donor's approval.

DEFENCE OF BRITISH MALAYA.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

The following Committee has been appointed to inquire into the question of the Local Defence Forces in British Malaya:—

Chairman: Lt.-Col. W. P. Hume.

Members: Mr. G. H. Bennett, Major H. F. Nutter, Major C. Burn Murdoch, Mr. E. M. Baker, Col. L. Boyd Moss, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major A. McD. Ritchie, B.O.L.F., and Messrs. J. S. Forrier, W. T. Chapman, and F. S. Physics. Secretary: Major Fraser, O.B.E., M.C.

The terms of reference are as follows:—To enquire into and report generally on the present system of local Military Service as constituted under Enactments now in force.

To advise as to the force or forces which it is necessary or advisable to maintain in the F.M.S. for the purpose of assisting in the defence of British Malaya and in the maintenance of order therein.

To advise as to the training which it is necessary to require of those persons who may be liable to be called upon, or who may volunteer, to assist in the defence of British Malaya and in the maintenance of order therein.

NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN.

PATRIOTIC COMPETITION IN PROVINCES.

The Italian Consul in Hongkong, Chevalier-Eles, has received the following telegram:—

Up to the 18th. of January, the subscriptions to the Italian Government Loan have reached in Italy ten thousand millions of lire. In many provinces, the amount of the subscriptions has been double of that of previous years. In others, there is a patriotic competition to reach the goal of the subscription. The City of Milan has already subscribed for over one thousand and five hundred millions of lire.

CANTON NEWS.

January 22nd.

RECLAMATION NEAR MACAO.

In connection with the reclamation of the Chingchow shore near Macao, Shum Chun-buen, the Chief Administrative Director of the Military Government, has informed the Peking Government that several gunboats and troops have been dispatched to Chinshan (a place near Macao) to stop the reclamation work. Shum has asked the Peking Government for assistance and to send warships to Chinshan.

A message from Macao states that the people of Macao were in a panic on seeing the Canton forces and gunboats arrive at Chinshan. The supply of vegetables and food-stuffs to Macao by hawkers from Chinshan has been interrupted, and many of the principal merchants are leaving the place.

The buoys placed in the water within the mine limits were recently removed. The number of Portuguese troops in Chingchow is, however, said to be increasing.

AUSTRO-GERMAN PROPERTIES.

The Military Government has ordered that all the immovable properties of the Austrians and Germans which were taken over by the Enemy Property Bureau in the case of the owners' absence their properties will be retained by the local authorities and returned to them when they come back.

SHANGHAI CONFERENCE.

It is reported that the Shanghai conference was resumed yesterday after the peace envoys on both sides had come to an agreement as regards the removal of the chief of the delegations of the North and the South and as regards the equal right of expressing opinion on matters under discussion of every member of the conference.

THE ITALIAN FLYING CORPS.

The authorities have received a telegram from the Premier in Peking that the Italian Flying Corps is expected to pass through Canton and other places within the next few days it is necessary that the local authorities should give the Corps adequate protection and assistance to facilitate its flight to Tokyo. The Italian Consul in Shanghai, upon the receipt of a telegram from Rome, informed the local authorities that the Flying Corps left Rome on January 12th.

INJECTING MORPHIA WITHOUT AUTHORITY.

TWO CHINESE IMPRISONED.

Sergeant Field was successful in arresting two men who made a living by injecting morphia into persons, without being authorized to do so. Sergeant Field received information concerning these practices and by a clever ruse trapped the men. He sent a tailor to the house with a marked five-cent piece and shortly afterwards entered the premises himself. Besides the two defendants, there were four other people in the room, all of whom had been injected.

The two men were charged, on remand, with injecting morphia and with being in unlawful possession of same.

The first defendant laid all the blame on the second, who stated that the morphia belonged to another man.

Mr. Wood sentenced the two defendants to three months' hard labour each on the first charge and to a fine of \$25 each on the second charge.

THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

BRITISH MONETARY ADVANCES.

On the vote of \$4,483,000 for miscellaneous war services, Sir H. Greenwood (Under Secretary Overseas: Trade Department), in reply to questions, in the House of Commons recently said the advance to the Provisional Government in Northern Russia was put down as a loan to any future Russian Government (ironical laughter). This was done during the war, and was the result of an agreement between Great Britain, the United States of America, Japan, France, Italy, and China, and the United Government to open up and maintain a railway from Vladivostok to Omsk, and as far beyond as possible. The British Government's share of the expenditure was limited on that paper to \$1,000,000. The railway would help to revive and forward British trade; there were great stores of British goods in Vladivostok which could only be transported to the interior of the country by its means, and he thought the expenditure was fully justified. (Hear, hear.)

With regard to the Siberian Railway, the British Government joined with the other Allies in dealing with it from a military point of view. That was the original purpose, but the trade question also entered into the matter. An arrangement was made that the money should be expended on British goods. Whenever military operations were going on trade must wait its turn. There was regrettable competition at Vladivostok, but nobody could have foreseen that so many troops would have to be mustered there. He hoped the military operations of the various Powers would come to an end soon, and that this would be a fruitful area for British trade. The money was charged on the Siberian Railway itself, and would be paid back with interest.

SMUGGLING OPIUM.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, a Chinese was charged with being in unlawful possession of nineteen tael of opium. Defendant was stopped on the Canton wharf when attempting to leave the Colony. His luggage was searched and the drug was found ingeniously concealed in a specially constructed compartment at the bottom of a wooden box.

Mr. Wood fined defendant \$1,000, with the alternative of six months' hard labour.

SPORT.

BILLIARDS.

E. D. GOLDING WINS PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP FINAL.

The final match of the Palace Hotel billiard-handicap competition, played on Wednesday night, attracted a large gathering of enthusiasts, who watched some exceptionally good billiards. E. D. Golding (1-200) defeated G. M. Bayley (1-125), 250-180. Golding's best break was a magnificent 105. Bayley was about 80 ahead when Golding made his big break. There was not a flaw in his break till he had reached 99; he then obtained a three shot, at which the spectators, unable to repress themselves, burst into enthusiastic cheering. Golding, thus interrupted, seemed to have been put off his game. He missed an easy cannon, but obtained a stake in the red going down. At this stage, Golding appeared to get careless, and at his next shot he missed a fairly easy in-off. Golding won comfortably by 61 points. Golding's best breaks were 105, 39, 33, 28, 23 and 23; Bayley's highest scores at one visit to the table were 57, 22 and 21.

Mr. Joe Mannix, a retired American journalist who is on a visit to the Colony, presented the prizes as follows:—1st prize, silver cup, to Mr. E. D. Golding; 2nd prize, silver cup presented by Messrs. Gande Price & Co., to Mr. G. M. Bayley; 3rd prize, billiard cue presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.'s Kowloon branch, to Insp. W. Gerrard.

CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. K.C.C.

The following will play for Kowloon in their League match against the Indians to-morrow:—J. P. Robinson, J. Stalker, B. D. Evans, J. V. Bragg, A. de Sousa, H. Overy, A. W. Ramsay, L. J. Blackburn, D. M. Goodall, W. T. Elson and R. Pestonji.

C.R.C. "B" v. CRAIGENGOWER "B."

The following will form the Chinese team in the match to be played on Saturday on the latter's ground, at 2.15 p.m.:—Wan Lu Shing (capt.), Lai Kuen, Wong Po Keung, Chan Hin Lee, Chan Tin Shung, Lau Fuk Ki, Li Mai Kwong, Chung Wing Kui, Cheung U Pui, Yew Man Hon, and Lee Shiu Cheong.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The draw for the first round of the above competition will take place in the Hongkong F.C. House, Happy Valley, at 6 p.m. to-morrow. Entries have been received from the following Clubs, viz.: H.M.S. Carlisle, H.M.S. Cadmus, H.M.S. Ambrose, Submarine Depot, Hongkong Police, Kowloon, South China Athletic, St. Joseph's College and Hongkong Football Club.

HONGKONG F.C. v. H.M.S. "AMBROSE."

The following will represent the Club in their game with H.M.S. Ambrose on the Club ground, kick-off at 4.15 p.m. to-morrow:—Rodger, Clark, Tonkin, Ralston, Rodger, Ralston, Hamilton, McTavish, Biechelman, Neal and Riis.

I.R.C. v. WILTSHIRES "A" C.

The following will play for the I.R.C. in a friendly match against Wiltshires "A" C. on the Sookpoo Valley, kick-off at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow:—A. O. Mader, S. Jackson, A. Bandran, S. A. R. Ismail, G. A. Hyder, M. S. Hartenau, O. Ramjahn, S. Ramjahn, W. A. Hyder and two others.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

A Mixed American Tennis tournament (Sealed handicap) is to be played at the Ladies' Recreation Club on Saturday, January 31st, commencing at 2.15 p.m. The entrance fee will be \$2 for each couple. Members may invite a non-member to play with them. Entries close on Tuesday, the 27th January, and may be made either with Miss Moran, No. 109, the Peak or with the No. 1 Boy of the Ladies' Recreation Club.

INCOME TAX IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

STRAITS ASSOCIATION'S VIEWS.

The following communication was recently addressed to the Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements by the Secretary of the Straits Settlements Association:—I am directed by the Committee of the Straits Settlements Association (Singapore Branch) to inform you that on a discussion of the Bill for imposing a tax on income now before the Legislative Council which took place at a meeting of the committee held on the 9th inst. the following resolution was passed viz.: "That the minimum taxable income be \$6,000 a year, compensation for loss of revenue being obtained by a super-tax if necessary, all salary taxes being collected directly by the Government."

The Committee is also of opinion that some consideration should be shown in cases of married persons with families.

INTIMATIONS.

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THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB propose holding a ROWING REGATTA on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 1920. The Meeting will take place of the Club House, North Point.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

Event 1.—SERVICE RACES:—

Cutters (12 oared). Crews from H.B.M. Navy under Naval arrangements.

ALL COMERS' RACE:—

Under Naval arrangement.

Event 2.—FOURS:—

(a) Inter Port Fours (Challenge Cup). } Course.

(b) Junior Fours. } 1 mile.

(c) Hong Race (Brokers' Cup).

(d) Crews from any one Hong, Officers of H.B.M. Navy, H.B.M. Army and Civil Services may enter for this race. A combined crew from two small Hong may enter at the discretion of the Rowing Committee.

Miniatures of the Challenge and Brokers' Cups will be presented to each Member of the winning crews.

Event 3.—PAIR OARS:—

(a) Inter Port. Course 1 mile.

(b) Junior Pair. Course 1 mile.

Event 4.—DOUBLE SCULLS:—

OPEN. Course 1 mile.

Event 5.—SINGLE SCULLS:—

(Challenge Cup). OPEN. Course 1 mile.

Event 6.—MIXED DOUBLE SCULLS:—

Open to Ladies and Gentlemen with Lady Coxswain. Course 1 mile.

The proposed programme may be added to or varied later if found desirable. Names of individuals and crews to be sent to the undersigned not later than one week before the regatta. The finishing point will be the Club House.

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CHINA'S FAILURE AT THE CONFERENCE.

POSITION OF THE MIDDLE-CLASS.

In view of the interesting speech made by Dr. C. T. Wang on Sunday last, fully reported in our yesterday's issue, the following translation of a thoughtful article from our Chinese contemporary, the *Hongkong Chinese Commercial News*, will be read with interest:—

The principal cause of China's failure at the Peace Conference was internal strife, which led to instability in the position of the Government. It may be remembered that shortly after the war broke out the late President Yuan Shikai wanted to join the Allies, but a certain Power opposed the project. The Upper and Lower Houses also showed strong opposition on account of their quarrel with the then Premier, Tuan. Thus, China had to remain in the position of a mere looker-on. Although, ultimately, China threw in her lot with the Allies on the invitation of America, she did not work heart and soul for their cause. Even at that time, a certain Party was still favourably inclined towards Germany, and made use of German money to stir up trouble in the country, which eventually resulted in a split between the North and the South and embarrassed the Central Government. For this reason our country was unable to dispatch troops to aid the Allies, but could only send labourers and commodities. Even in the matter of sending labourers, the Government was beset with numerous difficulties. Most of the 150,000 labourers that went to Europe were actually recruited in the country by the foreigners concerned, and not sent by the Government. It is no wonder, therefore, that the Powers at the Conference considered the services rendered by China to be small, and accordingly treated her with contempt. Had the people of China supported President Yuan when he wanted to join the Allies, instead of opposing him for self-interest, the nation would have reaped a benefit a hundred times greater than what it has actually obtained. Had such happened, there would have been no need for us to look to others for support. For our defeat at the Conference in regard to the Shanghai question, should we not put the blame on those who opposed Yuan's project? From the speech delivered by Dr. C. T. Wang at the banquet given in his honour by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, it could be gathered that he had been impressed and affected by the present state of affairs. He said that whenever he was asked by foreigners where the North and the South would compose their differences, he was at a loss to find an answer. A country without a proper Government is like a body without a head. It is a dead thing. If a nation is divided against itself, how can one expect others to regard it as a nation at all? Self-interest is small interest; the interests of the country are paramount. How is it that a certain number of important personages still take part in internecine strife, disregarding the welfare of the country? Dr. Wang said that the strength for preserving the country lies with the middle-classes. Unfortunately, this middle-class is, on the one hand, repressed by powerful officials and politicians, and, on the other, is being regarded with animosity by the ignorant stratum of the people. They are, therefore, situated in a position of danger, and are afraid to go forward. Under the circumstances, how can they manifest their abilities? As a common saying has it, the dog is driven into a tight corner. The middle-class are today in this position. Will they get out of it, and go straight ahead? Let us hope that they will!

GOOD SAMARITAN ROBBED. EVIL RETURNED FOR GENEROSITY.

Two Chinese, who have just returned from France, where they were attached to the Labour Corps, were charged at the magistracy, yesterday, with stealing two banknotes, a \$1,000 note (Indo-China currency), and a purse containing \$12 in Hongkong bank notes, the property of another labourer, resident at George Street.

It was stated that complainant met the first defendant in the street, and recognising in him a comrade who had served with him in France, entered into conversation with him. He elicited the information that the man was in straitened circumstances and invited him to his house for a meal. The first defendant went to the place and stayed there for the night. The next morning the two friends went out marketing, and on their return home, the complainant took off his jacket and went into the kitchen to prepare a meal. First defendant, who was in the hall, then disappeared with the jacket, in the lining of one of which complainant had concealed the \$1,000 note. In one of the pockets of the jacket was a receipt for a watch which complainant had sent for repairs and when the Police were informed of the theft they gave instructions to the watch-maker to detain any man who presented such a receipt. The second defendant took the receipt to the shop and was arrested and through him the first defendant, who attempted to leave the Colony for Canton.

The first defendant stated that second defendant had nothing to do in the matter. The articles were given him by complainant.

Mr. Smith sentenced first defendant to three months' hard labour and discharged the second defendant.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Mr. John Fenton, one of the newly appointed Tutors in English, arrived by the *Glenstrade* last week.

Mr. Ponsbury-Fane is paying the University a very welcome visit just now. He has kindly consented to give some lectures in the Faculty of Arts during his brief stay in Hongkong.

It is with very deep regret that we learn that the Professor of English, Prof. J. D. Wright, has been confined to his bed this week; even Professors are not immune from influenza.

The Registrar of the University, Mr. N. Teasdale Mackintosh, gave a lecture to children at the Helena May Institute on Wednesday afternoon, entitled "Thirty Minutes with Shakespeare." There were a number of "old children" present, including the Director of Education and Professor Warren. The Registrar presented his lecture by urging the children to regard the plays of Shakespeare as a source of knowledge, and reminded them that the plays were originally written for boys and girls. He then told the story of the Merchant of Venice, illustrating it with a number of lantern slides. Evidently Mr. Mackintosh is an educationist as well as a Registrar.

Mr. Simpson, the newly appointed lecturer in English, and Mr. Barney, the newly appointed lecturer in Biology, arrived yesterday on the *Suva Maru*.

The Basket Ball Club is the latest club to be affiliated to the University Union. With Hon. Dr. Claud Severn as its Vice-President, and Mr. Harry Sims as its Captain, it should soon make itself known in the Colony; at least, it should give a good account of itself in the Basket Ball League now started in Hongkong.

The University Union is offering a most attractive programme to all lovers of literature and the drama next month. It is producing three performances of two Lord Dunsany's plays at the Theatre Royal on February 13th, 14th, and 15th, a matinee on February 16th. Tickets are being sold at the rate of one shilling and sixpence. The programme is a most attractive one, and the University Union has a most attractive building as its headquarters, and it is now in the position to take a distinct place in the literary and educational activities of the Colony. If the public serve us well, we shall be able to realise this is a "Variety Town" and we may expect University lectures and entertainments of all sorts. We feel sure that such a scheme is worthy of all support from the Colony. Those who remember the Oxford Union and the joy of attending the weekly debates there, and the annual performances of the O.U.D.S. will have no stone unturned to ensure the success of these dramatic performances next month.

CORRESPONDENCE. THE INDIAN COMMITTEE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I have read with great interest the letter of Mr. Well Wisher, published in the *Hongkong Daily Press* of yesterday's issue. The composition of the Committee which claimed to represent the whole Indian Community in the Colony and the method by which it was selected are open to question, but as Mr. Well Wisher suggests working amicably with the Government, I am inclined to think that their wishes have not been consulted out of the new India Bill concerns real Indians whether in India or out in the Colonies. The privileges it conveys are exclusively for those Indians who have landed, domestic, or administrative interests in India. In no respect has it any practical interest for Indians other than those domiciled in India. The Indian Community here naturally do not want to have any Committee expressing its views about the Bill unless it first satisfies the Indian Community in the Colony of its representative character. Gratification at the passage of the Bill through Parliament, but they want a representative Committee. I for one shall support Mr. Well Wisher in selecting such a Committee.—Yours, etc., WATANI.

Hongkong, January 22nd.

ALLEGED ANNAMITE REVOLT MISCHIEVOUS REPORT CONTRADICTED.

We are requested by the French Consul to rectify the information published on the 18th instant under the heading: "An Annamite Revolt Reported." This objectionable article (purporting to be a telegram sent to Peking by General Tan Chun-huan) related an anti-Chinese riot, in which, it stated, "many Chinese shops were set on fire, and Chinese residents were murdered without provocation." We have, here, the French Consul writes, "a nice specimen of false news that appeared for the first time in the Chinese Press of Canton two or three months ago. Such a statement created, of course, a certain sensation amongst the Chinese authorities who, failing to verify what amount of truth there was in that affirmation, sent the telegram in question to Peking."

That statement was then faithfully contradicted by the French Consulate of Canton. It is, therefore, hardly necessary to add that the boycott movement at the time against the Chinese was keenly and strictly watched over by the French authorities, and no such serious disturbances were ever allowed to take place.

PEAK SCHOOL.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S APPRECIATION OF MRS. MAIN'S SERVICES.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Peak School took place yesterday evening at the Peak Club. H.E. the Governor presided, and there was a large gathering of parents of the pupils and their friends.

Proceedings commenced with the reading of the annual report by Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Government Schools, on behalf of Mrs. Main, the Head Mistress. The pupils then treated the guests to several songs, both in French and English. Master Kenneth Bonney, Miss Lucy Ritter, and Miss Esme Scott Harston delivered recitations, which were much appreciated. The entertainment concluded with four dances, the children evincing considerable skill. The entertainment was an enjoyable one, reflecting credit on both teachers and pupils alike. H.E. the Governor, addressing those present, said that he was sure they were all very pleased to learn from the report read by Mr. Ralphs that the school had had a very successful year. He thought from what they had seen it could not be any harm to the health of the children. (Laughter.) It was a great advantage in this Colony to have such a school for European children, as people who lived in this portion of the Empire had always found the education of their children a serious problem, and had either to send their children away at an age too young to be separated from them, or worse than that, give their children no schooling at all. It was a still greater advantage to have had Mrs. Main in charge of the school for the last five years. (Applause.) Mrs. Main, they all knew, had remained at her post of duty, although she had retired, as the special request of the Department of Education, and he gratefully expressed, on behalf of the department, their thanks to her for having carried out. She, however, was leaving them now. It was a matter of regret to all of them, and personally a matter of regret to himself, that he had to send to the school in a year or so. Now he would have to leave them to Mrs. Main's successor. He had been always told that it was not wise to make long speeches, as it was not popular, among children who would be kept too long from their prizes, and so he would commence to the lucky recipients who were loudly applauded.

Miss Esme Scott Harston presented Mrs. Main with a bouquet of flowers. Cheers were called for His Excellency and Mrs. Main and hastily responded to.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The following was the report of the Headmistress:—

There have been several changes in the Staff during the year. Mrs. Fletcher and Miss Rodger, having left the School, Mrs. Stark was transferred from Kowloon and Mrs. Mackintosh joined the School as Assistant Mistress in January. Two days after opening in the New Year Miss Suche was sent from the Ellis Kadoorie School to assist until the return of Miss Jack from short leave, which took place on February 11th. Mrs. James joined the Staff as Assistant Mistress after the Midsummer Holidays and Mrs. Harling took the place of Mrs. Stark who went on leave on September 21st. Miss McDonald was appointed visiting Calisthenic Mistress and gave her first lesson on September 11th.

The number of pupils either admitted or readmitted during the year was 50. Forty-five pupils have left the School during the year of these 41 have left the Colony and 4 have been moved to other schools. Attendance has been good, although there was the usual falling off in July—a number of pupils going North for short periods. The School was opened on 19th days. The average attendance for the year is 45. One child, Michael Wright, has been absent on one day only; throughout the year. In June the School was threatened with an outbreak of measles, which fortunately was averted, only two cases having occurred among children attending school. With this exception, the health of the pupils was excellent. Dr. Cameron Macaulay visited the School twice during the first half of the year.

The age of the greater number of children attending the School is under 6. Only 3 pupils are either 10 years or over. The Staff having been so greatly augmented individual teaching has been possible to a great extent, and classification, has, of course, been very much more satisfactory. After Midsummer, the Head Mistress gave up the regular teaching of her class, and devoted her time to the teaching of French and the more advanced pupils in the school.

The syllabus of work submitted to the Director of Education was followed in all classes. During the first 6 months of the year, when several older children were still in attendance, a class was prepared for the Oxford Preliminary Examination, but all those pupils left before the examination took place.

Until the appointment of Miss McDonald as drill and games Mistress, each class was taught drill by its own teacher, a short lesson being given daily during the cold weather. Since the coming of Miss McDonald these short lessons have been continued. Many parents have expressed their great appreciation of the dancing lessons which are given once a week.

The Annual School Sports did not take place this year, but a very pleasant afternoon was spent at Craigieburn, in celebration of the Declaration of Peace at which the children had sports more or less on the same lines as in former years. This took place on July 25th.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

DEATH OF MR. LEONARD LE BRETON.

The death occurred at 12.10 a.m. yesterday of Mr. Leonard Le Breton, of Messrs. Alexander Ross & Co., at the early age of 38 years. Mr. Le Breton had been confined to his residence No. 6, Broadwood Road, for over a week, with influenza, and two days ago he rapidly grew worse, pneumonia setting in. The best medical efforts failed and he passed away as stated.

The late Mr. Le Breton came to the Colony when quite young, and after being educated locally he joined the firm of Messrs. Alexander Ross & Co. He was a very promising young man and by dint of perseverance and general ability, rose step by step till he became manager of the Machinery Department of the firm, which post he held at the time of his death. He had, during his management, installed a considerable amount of the machinery in the department, and was expert at the work. He was a member of the Hongkong Club and the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. He was a keen, all-round sportsman, and once won the bicycle race from Kowloon to the New Territories. He was an ardent volunteer and served with the Royal Engineers on the search-light during the war. Mr. Le Breton also assisted in the Cathedral Choir. Of a genial disposition and sunny temperament, the deceased was liked by all he came in contact with and his loss will be keenly felt.

He leaves a widow and one son.

The funeral, Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co.'s building was at half-mast, yesterday, as a mark of respect to the deceased.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral, which took place yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley, was well attended. The cortege arrived at the Mortuary shortly after 5 p.m. Immediately behind the coffin walked Captain Wilks, deceased's father-in-law, Messrs. D. K. Moss, A. W. Smith, F. Scarborough, and T. A. Mitchell of the firm of Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co. At the monument a half was made, and a large number of floral tributes were placed on the bier, after which the procession moved its way to the Cemetery, passing up immediately behind the European staff. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Shewell, Military Chaplain. Amongst others present were:—Capt. Stewart, Messrs. H. Wilson, F. A. Chopard, R. Wilks, R. Lapsley, W. J. Stokes, A. K. Mackenzie, W. Kynock, W. G. Fitzgibbon, H. Hansen, S. Hamer, R. H. Jewell, W. V. Mackenzie, F. Gourdin, and J. M. Jack.

Amongst those who sent wreaths were:—Ethel, "Dickie," Father and Sister, "Father-in-Law," Mr. Alex. Ross, Staff of Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co., Staff of Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co.'s machinery dept., Chinese Staff of Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co., Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Mr. F. Scarborough, Mr. T. A. Mitchell, Messrs. Dennis & Bowley, Chaplain, Organist and Choir of St. John's Cathedral, Machinery Dept. of Messrs. Bradley & Co., Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bunje, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. G. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hatley, Mr. and Mrs. Percy, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lapsley, Mr. and Mrs. H. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Beaupaire, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. P. Tavaras, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Percy, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. V. Bebero, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mackenzie, and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hoos, Mr. and Mrs. F. Macgillivray, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cosart, Mr. and Mrs. A. Percy, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. D. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Crappell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hamer, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Colloco, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wilks, Miss Square, Mr. and Mrs. Messrs. C. E. Warren, A. Germain, J. Sykes, F. S. Tam, G. P. da Cruz, A. Tam, S. T. Williams, G. H. Hackett, J. P. Bridge, E. F. Brown, W. M. Routh, G. H. Medine, H. B. L. Scarborough and Stewart Bros., G. G. Sai, J. M. Jack and A. Chew.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The following was the prize list:—

Esme Scott Harston.—1, Scripture; 2, English.

Pamela Scott Harston.—1, French and Arithmetic; 2, Drawing.

Alice Crockett.—Form Prize.

Lucy Ritter.—English.

Ovid Ritter.—Form Prize.

Anne Dodwell.—Most satisfactory progress.

Joan Beavie.—Composition.

Ronald Armstrong.—Literature.

Jack Chapman.—Form Prize.

Doris Wright.—Most satisfactory progress.

Gordon Barnett.—General Progress.

Barbara Sutton.—General Improvement.

Doris Hurley.—1, English; 2, Drawing.

Kendall Chapman.—Form Prize.

Michael Wright.—Most satisfactory progress.

Reginald Moss.—General Progress.

Rita Malkin.—Singing.

Madge Crappell.—Form Prize.

Eric Crockett.—English.

Irving Ritter.—General progress.

Kenneth Crockett.—1, Arithmetic; 2, Drawing.

Jack Scott Harston.—General Knowledge.

Bruce Hollingsworth.—General progress.

John Beavie.—General Progress.

Harold Jack.—Recitation.

Vivian Mitchell.—Writing and Figures.

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W. JACKSON,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,
No. 14, Nathan Road, Kowloon. 231

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 1920, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, January 27th, 1920, to Friday, February 6th, 1920, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN, Secretary. 232

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of Part-time Tutor in Physiology. Particulars can be obtained from the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.
N. TEESDALE-MACKINTOSH, Registrar.
Hongkong, January 19th, 1920. 237

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 31, George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of JANUARY, 1920, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following Resolutions as Extraordinary Resolutions:—

- (1) To consider, and if thought fit, approve the draft new Articles which will be submitted to the Meeting.
 - (2) That the Capital of the Company be increased to Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) by the creation of Two hundred and forty thousand (240,000) shares of Ten dollars (\$10.00) each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Colony.
- And in the event of the First Resolution being passed with or without modification, (3) To consider, and if thought fit, to pass an Extraordinary Resolution to the effect: That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification thereof subscribed by the Chairman be and the same are hereby approved, and that such Articles be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of all other Articles thereto.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 31, George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 16th day of February, 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions the above mentioned Extraordinary Resolutions (2) and (3).
And the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution:—
"That it is desirable to capitalize the sum of \$650,000.00 standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalization a bonus of \$10 per share on each of the issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared and that the Board be and they are hereby authorized to satisfy such bonus by the distribution amongst the persons who are registered as holders of the issued \$10 shares of the Company on the date hereof of one of the unissued \$10 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up in respect of each share of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such aforesaid bonus, and that such shares rank for dividends and in all other respects as from the first day of March, 1920."

Drafts of the new Articles of Association may be seen at any time before the second meeting, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., at the Registered Offices of the Company, or at the Offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Building, Hongkong, the Company's Solicitors.
Dated this 13th day of January, 1920.
By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents. 233

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1920, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of the Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1919.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, January 19th, to THURSDAY, January 24th, 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LTD.,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary to the General Managers.
Hongkong, January 13th, 1920. 238

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1920, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1919.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, January 19th to THURSDAY, January 24th, 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 13th, 1920. 239

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1920, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1919.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, January 19th, to THURSDAY, January 24th, 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 13th, 1920. 240

INTIMATIONS

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Building on THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1920, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, 24th January to Thursday, 25th February 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
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KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, January 21st, 1920. 235

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Macao, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1920, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from January 27th to February 10th, 1920, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 13th, 1920. 241

NOTICE.
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

CERTIFICATES Nos. 1843 and 2635 for 2 and 1 old silver shares Nos. 1064/1065 and 10125 respectively standing in the books of the Society in the name of EDWARD WILLIAM MARTLAND of YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof the above documents be not forthcoming the same will be deemed cancelled and of no effect.
G. H. P. HAY,
Deputy General Manager.
Hongkong, January 13th, 1920. 237

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC are warned that dogs without collars found at large after 10 p.m. are liable to be destroyed by the Police.
E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police. 236

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Persons applying for Licences under the ARMS and AMMUNITION ORDINANCE should do so between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. daily, Sundays and Holidays excepted.
Application to be made at the Licensing Clerk's Office, Central Police Station.
E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.
Hongkong, January 12th, 1920. 238

NOTICE.

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By Order,
J. R. LYNESSE, Secretary.
Council Room,
Tientsin, January 9th, 1920. 237

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BIRTHS.

CARTER.—At Shanghai, on January 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. CARTER, a son.
HILTZ.—At Shanghai, on January 16th, to Dr. and Mrs. W. G. HILTZ, a daughter.
MORRIS.—At Shanghai, on January 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. MORRIS, a son.
QUICK.—At Shanghai, on January 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. HENRY QUICK, a daughter (Marjorie Louise).

MARRIAGES.

COLLINGRIDGE-THOMSON.—At Chelsea, on November 25th, WILLIAM COLLINGRIDGE, M.D., to Ada, daughter of late Capt. H. G. THOMSON, B.N., C.M.G., of Hongkong, and Shirley, Southampton.

MOSEY-OLSEN.—At Shanghai, on January 7th, ARNE EYDE, Chinese Postal Service, Peking, to HILDEBRAND MOSEY-OLSEN, daughter of the late Rasmus F. Olsen, of Bergen, Norway.

JAMES-MITCHELL.—On January 26th, at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, to the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Rosina McArthur Mitchell (Rosie), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, Quarry Bay, to Charles F. F. James, of Messrs. W. S. Humphreys & Co., Swatow. "At Home" at 6, Tai Koo Terrace, Quarry Bay, on Monday, 2nd February. 231

WILKINSON-GORE.—At South Stoke, Bath, on December 3rd, Sir WILLIAM HENRY WILKINSON, late H.M. Consul-General, at Hankow, to AGNES MARY (May), daughter of late Rev. A. L. Gore, vicar of Osbourne St. George.

WHELAN-WILLIAMS.—At Shanghai, on January 14th, J. C. WHELAN, International Bank, Tientsin, to MAY, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. WILLIE, Knowleside, Ayr.

DEATH.

Le BRESTON.—At his residence, Broadwood Road, on the morning of the 22nd inst. LEONARD Le BRESTON, aged 31 years. Deeply regretted. 235

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOEUX ROAD, C.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 23RD, 1920.

PEACE?

WHAT are we to make of the news received during the week concerning Russia? On "high military authority" we have been told that the Allies are now realising that the "Red" peril to civilisation is far greater than ever before, and that, at all costs, it must not be allowed to spread beyond Russia; that, probably, in a few months, we shall be faced by a new and great danger in the Middle East

and East, necessitating large military commitments. And closely following upon these sensational statements, we have the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom giving out to the nation, as a birthday message, the pleasant assurance that "the tumult of human anger and unrest is settling down to an assured peace." What evidence is there to warrant this cheerful optimism? A League of Nations—not yet a league of all the nations—has been formally inaugurated, but already there has been a return on the part of some of the nations to competition in naval armaments, which can point only to the fact that they are prompted either by aggressive designs or by suspicions of intended aggression. Until such suspicions are removed, and until the Bolshevik armies in Russia which are said to be threatening to involve other Powers in a great military campaign in the Middle East and the East, are demobilised and the civil strife in Russia is ended, it is impossible to see how the world can settle down to "assured peace." If the stories about the Bolsheviks projecting world-wide campaigns of propaganda, backed by armies, have any substantial foundation, the world's best hope of an assured peace resides not in further military campaigns, but rather in the instrumentality of the League of Nations. If the decision of the Supreme Council of the Allies to allow a partial re-opening of trade with Russia is not to be considered a significant change of policy, we do not know how it is to be regarded. The whole of the circumstances tend to suggest that the world is very imperfectly informed regarding the actual situation in Russia. Who was not surprised to read the statement that the last harvest in Russia was the best in the past thirty years, and that there is in Russia a surplus of grain and flax which can be exchanged for clothing, medicines, agricultural implements and other necessities from abroad? This shows that while the outside world has been hearing only of the anarchy and the fighting, there must have been some sound organisation at work among the peasants in order to provide in such times in Russia a surplus of grain and flax. General MATRICE suggests what certainly seems in the circumstances the only policy for the Allies to adopt when he advises opening the door of Russia and letting the League of Nations in to investigate the facts. It is manifestly the only alternative to the policy of re-establishing peace in Russia by force of arms, to which no outside Power now, with the possible exception of Japan in regard to a well-defined portion of Russian territory, is at all inclined to listen. In a very technical sense it may be that the partial lifting of the blockade does not imply a change of policy on the part of the Allies towards the Soviet Government; but in practical effect it does amount to that, because any benefits which the Russian peasants derive from trade with the outside world must go to benefit also the Russian exchequer. By permitting even a limited amount of trading, the Allies would appear to be strengthening to some extent the power of the Soviet Government to carry on the campaign of violence in which they have now for so long been engaged. The Russian problem is one of no little complexity. Here is the one country in Europe with a surplus of the food that all the rest of Europe needs, and the Allied statesmen, as a reason for lifting the blockade, argue that the absence of supplies from Russia causes social disturbance and compels the rest of Europe to pay exorbitant prices to America for food and raw materials. This has to be set against the contention that a partial reopening of trade is a gain to the Soviet Government. Mr. Hoover, it is interesting to note, disagrees with this latter suggestion. He regards the blockade as one of the great props of the Bolshevik tyranny, and once it is removed he expects to see the collapse of the Soviet Government. While on the one hand there is a deal of criticism of the decision reached by the Supreme Council, there is, on the other hand, influential support for the view that a removal of restrictions upon trade with Russia is the most hopeful way of influencing the situation in the direction of peace. Perhaps thoughts of this character were in Mr. LLOYD GEORGE'S mind when he penned the message that "the tumult of human anger and unrest is settling down to an assured peace."

One case (one death) of cerebro-spinal fever was reported in the Colony on Wednesday.

Mr. A. R. Lowe, who has been to England on holiday returned to the Colony a day or two ago.

Mr. E. Ralphs is distributing the prizes at Saiyung School at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 30th.

Mr. D. Tolan, of the China and Japan Telephone Co., Ltd., returned to Hongkong yesterday after a business visit to Canada.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on February 6th.

The Chinese youth, charged at the Magistracy, with writing some Chinese characters on a wall, likely to provoke a breach of the peace, was, yesterday, fined \$10 by Mr. J. R. Wood.

An Indian was fined \$5 at the Magistracy, yesterday, for being drunk and disorderly. The man was found lying on the street in a drunken condition and was removed to the Wanchai Police Station.

Mr. R. J. Birbeck, Mr. J. D. Danby, Mr. F. C. Hogg, Mr. J. T. Kidd, Mr. S. C. Sandford, Mr. H. A. Taylor and Mr. F. A. Wells were amongst those who left the Colony yesterday on the *Empress of Asia*.

The latest news about the *China* is that all the passengers have been landed. It was hoped to get the vessel off Tuesday night. We understand that there is some reason for fearing that she may become a total wreck.

Advices from Rotterdam state that the Netherlands Steamship Co. and the Rotterdam Lloyd have decided to open a regular monthly service between Hamburg and Shanghai and Yokohama. These companies were recently admitted to the Eastern Conference.

Amongst those who arrived in the Colony yesterday per the *a.s. Suwa Maru* was Lieut. Hermon J. White, a Hongkong man, who rose from the ranks during four years of war service, and his wife, whom he married at Home last November. Lieut. White takes charge of the Regulus Bay Hotel.

We are asked to state that the raffle for M. Hauchecorne's clay figures—now on view at Messrs. Sennet Freres—will be drawn to-morrow. Captain Basil Taylour will be obliged if those who undertook to sell the tickets for the raffle will return the books to him to-day at the Harbour Office by 4 p.m.

At the Racecourse, to-morrow morning, Messrs. Hughes & Hough will sell by public auction the late Mr. B. D. Kapetyn's ponies Louisa, Sinza and Spotted Sand. The first two named are attracting some attention at the early morning gallops. Run away Light will be put up for sale at a later date.

Since the armistice, a contemporary says, over sixty-seven new firms have opened branch offices in Shanghai and, according to reports by travelling men who have toured the Far East investigating business prospects, in many cases they have gone on record as believing that the majority of these firms will close their offices within one year.

Sergeant Fallon has been successful in discovering eight Winchester rifles, six revolvers, and 7,000 rounds of ammunition, concealed in the quarters of the crew of the *Empress of Asia*. The ammunition was hidden amongst a cargo of fruit. Nobody was arrested in connection with the smuggling. Sergt. Fallon also found four revolvers and 400 rounds of ammunition on the *Kwongtung*, which nobody has claimed.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place next spring, between Sir Herbert G. Dering, K.C.M.G., M.V.O., Minister Plenipotentiary in his Majesty's Diplomatic Service, second son of the late Sir Henry N. Dering, Bart., K.C.M.G., C.B., and of the Dowager Lady Dering, of 25, Basil Mansions, S.W., and Edith A. Mountjoy, widow of J. R. Middleton Smith, of 137, Queen's Gate, S.W., and of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong.

"OLE BILL'S" BIRTH.

A confession as to the birth of Ole Bill, Alf, and Bert was made by Captain Bruce Bairnsfather, their creator, at a dinner recently. "In 1914," said Captain Bairnsfather, "I joined up in the Royal Warwickshire. While at the front I felt I must do something, so I drew a picture and posted it to London. It was a farm at Neuve-Eglise. I received a cheque for 3s. from Tallis-street—and I spent £2 10s. 6d. of it in posting copies of the picture to my friends (laughter). From that time I tried to put on paper what Ole Bill and his two pals were doing, and thus to show what our wonderful Army had done."

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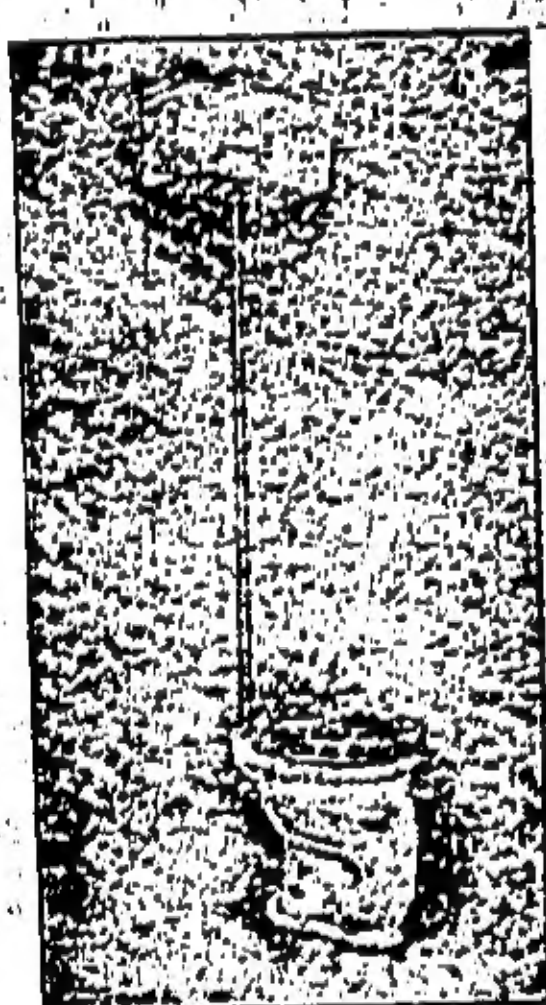
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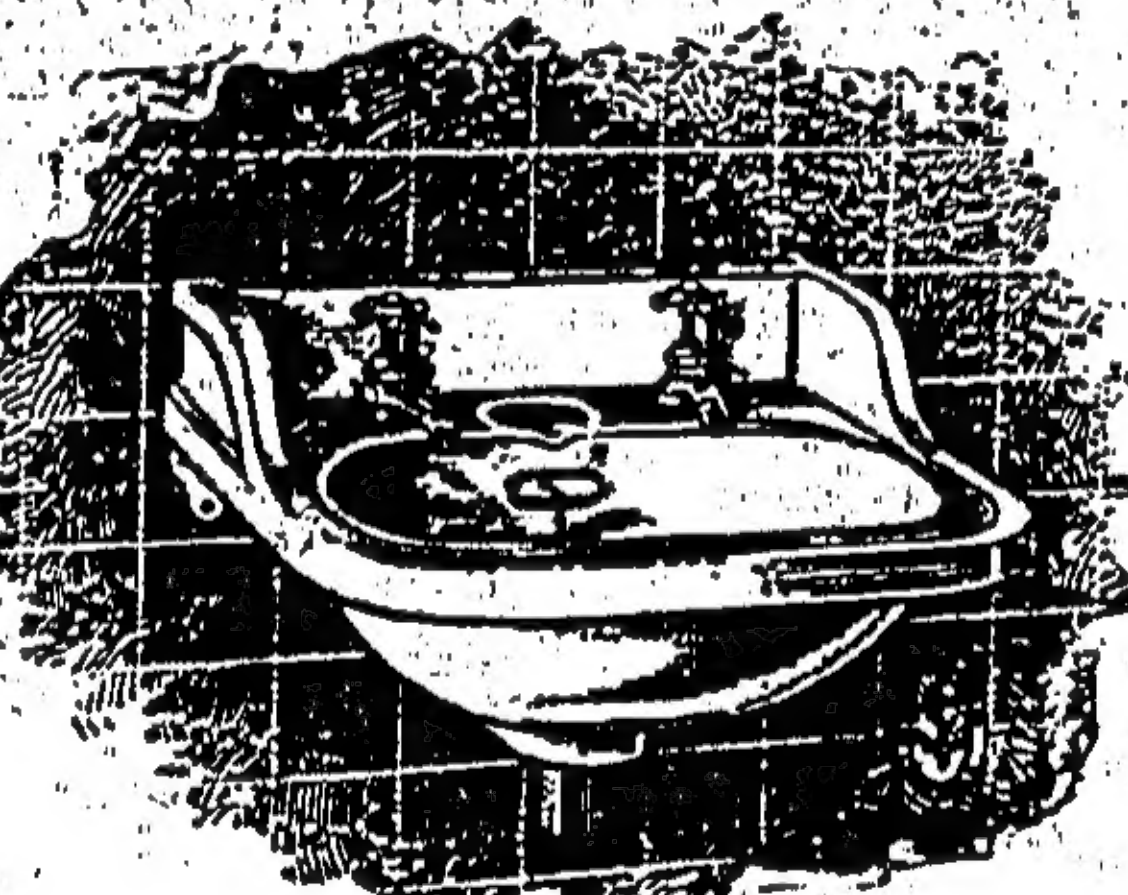
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LABOUR'S CHARTER. RESULTS OF WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

MR. BARNES'S LEADERSHIP

The International Labour Conference at Washington closed on November 28th, or, rather, adjourned to meet again in London or Paris after the League has come into being, to set the seal upon the results of its deliberations.

Considering the disabilities under which it met, it has not been unsuccessful, wrote the *Times* correspondent. Those disabilities were the failure of the United States to ratify the Treaty, the notice served by the American Senate that if it did subsequently ratify the Treaty it would probably do so with a reservation keeping her out of the Labour part of the League, the absence of German delegates, and, so far as the Empire is concerned, the absence of representatives of Australia and New Zealand. The delegates did not, however, allow their energy to be sapped by such omissions or by the atmosphere of hostility conveyed to onlookers by the absence of representatives of some of the actually or potentially most powerful industrial communities in the world; and by the fact that the Conference is at work under the terms of a Treaty into which the breath of life has not yet entered.

After a period of preliminary sessions, of which summary follows, were adopted: (1)—The daily hours of work in industry to be not more than eight, with a 48 hours week. Where the hours on one day are less than eight the limit may be exceeded on other days provided that they are never more than nine. In shifts the limit may be exceeded provided that a number of three weeks does not exceed 56 a week. Some other exceptions of the same nature are made. In Japan there will be a limit of 57 hours for workers over 15, with 60 hours for the silk industry; and in India 60 hours for miners and certain railway workers. In Greece and Rumania the above rules are not applicable till 1924.

(2)—Children under 14 are not admitted to industry. In Japan and India in certain trades children under 12 are barred.

(3)—Each country shall establish free employment agencies and furnish information to the International Labour Office every three months.

(4)—Women are not to be employed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

(5)—Persons under 18 are not to be employed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. For Japan the limit is 15 till 1925 and for India the limit is 14.

(6)—No women to work for six weeks after childbirth, and all women to have the right to quit work six weeks before. Maintenance by the State while out of work owing to childbirth.

An International Labour office is to be set up, with M. Albert Thomas as its chief. Its headquarters will be provisionally in London, with the League Secretariat. The draft conventions have, of course, to be submitted for acceptance and ratification to the Legislatures of the 40 odd nations represented at the Conference. But with the handicap of that uncertainty the Conference was from the days of its constitution irrevocably saddled, and the opinion of the delegates is that more has been accomplished than had been expected, thanks in no small degree to the forceful and sensible leadership of Mr. Barnes, who was ever on the lookout to promote progress and prevent excursions into Utopian fields.

The division of the Conference into groups, representing Governments, employers, and working men was a distinct success. The representatives of the working men naturally tended to take the initiative, and they were on the whole more cohesive than the employers. The Government representatives were useful in keeping things together. The representatives of Canada, South Africa, and Great Britain gave an interesting demonstration of the way in which different parts of the Empire can have their own ideas and policies and yet not lose sight of their common interests.

The practical value of the Conference remains to be proved, but there can be little doubt that the collection of representatives of so many nationalities to discuss subjects of common, yet sometimes divergent, interest, has worked out as well as the promoters of the League could have wished.

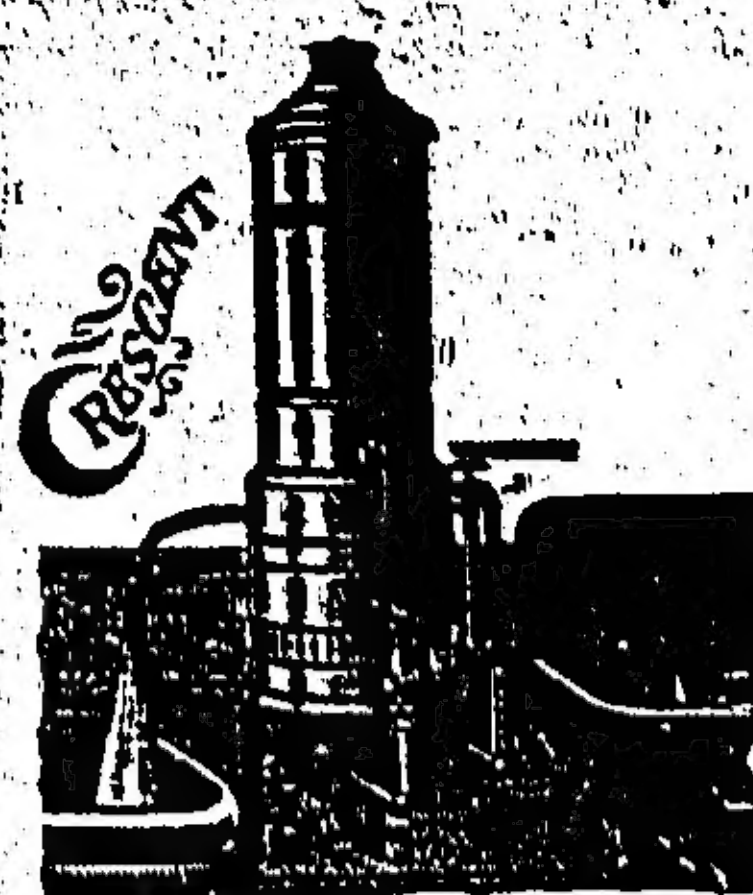
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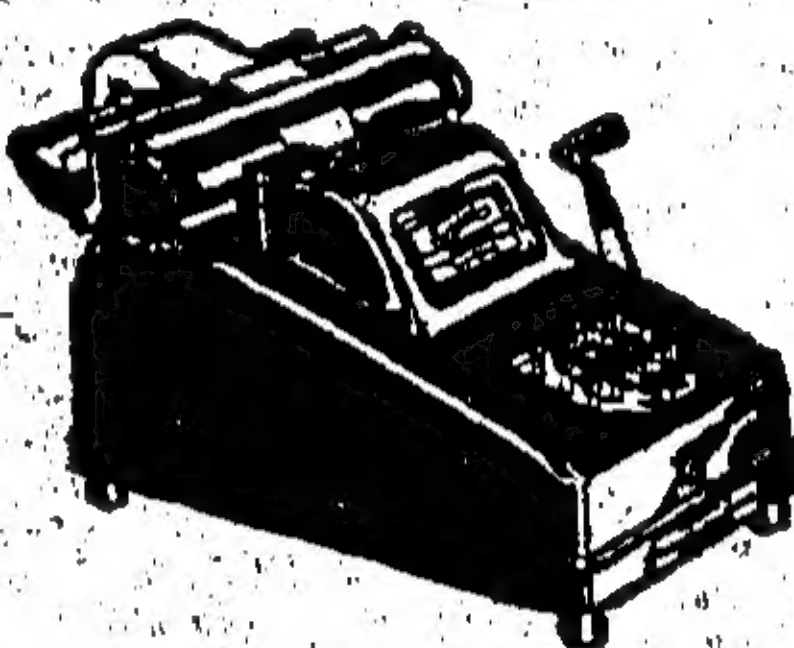
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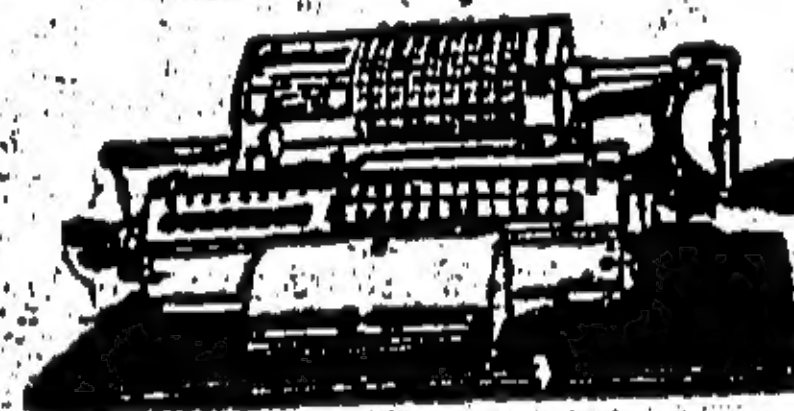


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